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HISTORY OF THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR CONSTRUCTION AFFAIRS  
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS USSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

The Committee for Architectural Affairs, of the Council of People's Commissars, was established on 29 September 1943 to prepare plans and projects for the reconstruction of cities damaged by the enemy and direct architectural activities in general.(1)

The name of the committee last appeared on the masthead of Sovetskoye Iskusstvo on 30 July 1949. The Ministry of City Construction USSR was established by a 1 June 1949 ukase of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR. It may, therefore, be possible that the committee was absorbed into the new ministry, particularly if one allows for a delay in printing and make-up of the above-mentioned publication. Furthermore, after August 1949, Arkhitectura i Stroitel'stvo listed the periodical as a publication of the Ministry of Construction USSR and Administration for Architectural Affairs RSFSR. Until July 1949, the periodical had always listed itself as a publication of the Committee for Architectural Affairs of the Council of Ministers USSR and the Administration for Architectural Affairs of the Council of Ministers RSFSR.

The ukase of 1 June 1949 of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR stipulated the following functions for the new ministry: supervising the planning of new cities; improving architecture and raising the quality of city construction; introducing new types of construction and finishing materials, products, and equipment for housing construction; introducing mechanized and progressive labor methods in city construction; and supervising the execution of government decisions in matters of city construction.(2)

The Ministry of City Construction had the following key personnel: Grigoriy Mikhailovich Popov, Minister (3); G. A. Simonov, Deputy Minister (4); Blokhin, Deputy Minister (5); V. Burgman, Deputy Minister (6); and Mikhail Alekseyevich Yasnov, Vice-Minister.(7)

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On 9 May 1950, another ukase of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR established the State Committee for Construction Affairs of the Council of Ministers USSR, whose chairman was to be a member of the Council of Ministers USSR.(2) Konstantin Mikhailovich Sokolov received the appointment as chairman on 9 May 1950.(9)

On 14 March 1951, a ukase of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR abolished the Ministry of City Construction.(8)

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